

HONORING COLONEL RICHARD  
WEAVER

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2022*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Richard Weaver, the 36th Commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, November 1, 2021 through December 1, 2022.

Colonel Weaver began his studies at the University of Mississippi, receiving a Bachelor of Public Administration Degree. He additionally completed a Graduate Certificate in Project Management from Columbia Southern University. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from William Carey University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

As an Army Engineer, he has served at every leadership level and held primary key staff positions, most notably during his two deployments to Iraq, culminating in his current assignment as the Camp Shelby Installation Commander.

Colonel Weaver is the first to command the two Mississippi Army National Guard installations. Before becoming the Commander at Camp Shelby, he served as the Commander of Camp McCain Training Center, located in north Mississippi just outside Grenada.

For his outstanding service, Colonel Weaver received numerous prestigious awards, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, the De Fleury Medal and many other federal and state awards.

Colonel Weaver resides in Gulfport, MS, and has two beautiful daughters, Kaley and Kameron. I thank his family for their strength and support during his 35 years of service. Colonel Weaver perfectly embodies the official organizational march of the United States National Guard "Always Ready, Always There!" He is a true American patriot, and I am honored to call him my friend and fellow Guardsman.

*Semper Fidelis.*

HONORING SANDY MARTIN,  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
SHOREVIEW, MINNESOTA ON THE  
OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2022*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sandy Martin, as she prepares to retire on December 31st after 26 years of dedicated service as mayor of the City of Shoreview, Minnesota. Over the past two and a half decades, Mayor Martin has committed herself to being a loyal public servant and a strong advocate for all the residents of her city. Although her time serving the City of Shoreview in official capacity is coming to an end, she leaves a lasting impact, and I thank her for her many contributions to state and our region.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Mayor Martin's aptitude for leadership was apparent even before her time as an elected official. From 1975 to 1988, she was a member of the Shoreview planning commission where she also served as chair for three years. Then, in 1989, she was elected to the Shoreview city council and served in this capacity until 1993, helping to oversee many important city projects including the construction of the Shoreview Community Center in 1990. Martin was first elected as Mayor in 1996 and is now serving in her 13th consecutive term. Her background in local government prepared her well to lead the City of Shoreview and is a testament to her commitment to improving the quality of life for residents.

As Mayor, Martin has played an important role supporting residents. She led Shoreview through the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic and worked tirelessly to improve city services and support small businesses. Additionally, she has led the community through numerous projects that will impact future generations for decades to come. She has been engaged with residents and needs of the community by advocating for affordable housing, overseeing three expansions of the community center, reconstructing city streets and updating parks across the city. Throughout her time working in local government, she has attended more than 1,300 council and planning commission meetings—which is truly impressive. Her unyielding dedication to public service is a major reason that Shoreview is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Mayor Martin is also a leader in the community beyond her elected position, earning the respect of her peers around the East Metro region. She has served on various boards such as the Shoreview Community Foundation, the Municipal Legislative Commission, Northeast Youth and Family Services, the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, the Regional Council of Mayors, and the Ramsey County League of Local Governments. Her work in the community has been recognized through various well-deserved honors throughout the years that celebrate her outstanding public service.

Over the past 26 years, Mayor Martin has exhibited outstanding initiative and vision on behalf of her community; it has been a great pleasure to work with her. She has been a steadfast leader for the City of Shoreview, and her guidance will be missed. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the impactful career of Mayor Sandy Martin.

TRIBUTE TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
MARK STONE ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2022*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of California Assemblyman Mark Stone who is retiring after serving five terms as a state legislator. He is a leader with a strong and well-earned reputation as an environmental defender and as a champion of the rights of California's most vulnerable residents.

Mark Stone has a long and distinguished history of public service. He was twice elected

to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors where he held leadership roles on the County Regional Transportation Commission and the First 5 Commission. He led a reorganization of the County's child welfare system and fought discrimination against LGBTQIA+ youth. He led the successful effort to ban single-use plastic bags and served with distinction as Vice Chair of the California Coastal Commission. Mark was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Scotts Valley Unified School District and served as its President. Prior to his career in public service, he worked as an attorney and as a Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School.

As the representative from the 29th Assembly District, which includes portions of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and Monterey Counties, Mark served as Chair of the Judiciary Committee and as a member of the Human Services Committee. He also served as Chair of the Select Committee on Coastal Protection and Access to Natural Resources and is a member of the Banking and Finance Committee.

During the disastrous CZU complex fires of 2020, Mark was an ardent and effective advocate for allocation of state resources for residents and businesses affected by the disaster.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in thanking Mark Stone for his exemplary service and wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. He is a good and great man and we are a better community and a stronger country because of him and his work.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE  
SENATOR JIM NIELSEN

**HON. DOUG LaMALFA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2022*

Mr. LaMALFA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor the public service career of my good friend, California State Senator Jim Nielsen. Senator Nielsen will be retiring from public service after many decades of dedication to the great people of California, and to the North State. I would not be where I am today, here in the House of Representatives, had it not been for the support and advice of a rancher from Tehama County.

Jim grew up on a small farm in the San Joaquin Valley and then went on to Fresno State where he majored in Agricultural Business. Working on ranches, operating cattle and row crops gave him a perspective of honest hard work that is desperately needed in the State Senate and the Assembly today. Jim was originally elected in the California State Senate in 1979, and then served as Republican Leader from 1983 through 1987. Jim went on to be Chairman of the California Board of Prisons Terms from 1992 to 2007.

Jim has always stood up as an advocate for victims of crime; he is known as one of the strongest voices in California history for justice. Often called the "Grandfather of Victim's Rights" he has helped deliver justice, hope, and peace for many impacted by crime. Jim's work through many organizations has helped to give victims a voice.

Jim went on to again serve in the State Assembly and State Senate after his time on the